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Viewing cable 09STATE40697, S/NF) ECUADOR MILITARY AND SECURITY TOPICS

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
09STATE40697	2009-04-23 14:48	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET//NOFORN	Secretary of State

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<http://www.eluniverso.com/2011/04/14/1/1355/cable-203788.html>

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DE RUEHC #0697 1131506
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R 231448Z APR 09
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY QUITO 4148

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date: 4/23/2009 14:48

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origin: Secretary of State
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Classified By: SUZANNE MCCORMICK, DIR., INR/OPS. REASON: 1.4(C).

[1](#)1. (S/NF) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS GREATLY APPRECIATE ALL EFFORTS TO PROVIDE INSIGHT INTO ECUADORIAN SECURITY ISSUES. REPORTING HAS TIME AND AGAIN PROVED TO BE A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR UNDERSTANDING IMPORTANT SECURITY ISSUES, SUCH AS PRESIDENT CORREA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MILITARY AND SECURITY FORCES, THE SITUATION ALONG THE NORTHERN BORDER, AND ECUADOR'S EFFORTS TO MODERNIZE ITS WEAPONS ARSENAL AND EXPAND ITS MILITARY TO MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. ANALYSTS HAVE USED REPORTING IN RECENT WRITTEN PRODUCTION AND ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON ADDITIONAL CURRENT AND LONG-TERM PRODUCTION ON THESE TOPICS. AS TIME AND RESOURCES PERMIT, ANALYSTS WOULD READ WITH INTEREST ANY ADDITIONAL INSIGHT POST MAY HAVE INTO THE QUESTIONS BELOW, IF IT CAN BE ACQUIRED IN THE COURSE OF NORMAL DUTIES. MANY THANKS, AND REGARDS FROM WASHINGTON.

[1](#)A. (S/NF) WHAT HAS BEEN THE MILITARY'S REACTION TO CORREA'S ELIMINATION OF MILITARY BENEFITS AND BUSINESSES? HOW HAS THE LOSS OF THE MILITARY COMPANIES AFFECTED THE BUDGET? WHAT PLANS DOES THE MILITARY HAVE TO COMPENSATE FOR THESE LOSSES?

[1](#)B. (S/NF) IN LIGHT OF RECENT BUDGET CUTS, HOW WILL THE ARMED FORCES ADJUST THEIR PRIORITIES? WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE SUPER TUCANO SALE? IS THE MILITARY STILL SEEKING TO PURCHASE RADAR EQUIPMENT FROM CHINA? WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THIS DEAL? WHAT OTHER COUNTRIES IS THE GOVERNMENT LOOKING TO FOR WEAPONS PURCHASES AND WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THOSE AGREEMENTS?

[1](#)C. (S/NF) HOW DO THE ARMED FORCES AND THE NATIONAL POLICE FEEL ABOUT THE DIMINISHING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US? HOW WILL THIS IMPACT THEIR MISSIONS? DO THEY EXPECT LOW-LEVEL COOPERATION TO CONTINUE?

[1](#)D. (S/NF) WHICH COUNTRIES IS ECUADOR TURNING TO FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION? WHAT COUNTRIES ARE PROVIDING TRAINING TO THE ARMED FORCES AND WHAT DOES THIS TRAINING CONSIST OF?

[1](#)E. (S/NF) WHAT IS THE FARC'S CURRENT STATUS ALONG THE BORDER?

1F. (S/NF) WHAT OTHER CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES ARE GOING ON IN
THE BORDER REGION? WHICH GROUPS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE
ACTIVITIES? IS THE FARC INVOLVED IN THESE ACTIVITIES AT ALL?
WHAT IS THE MILITARY OR POLICE DOING ABOUT THESE ACTIVITIES?

12. (U) PLEASE CITE C-AL9-00754 IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF
REPORTING IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS.
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